

Longview Water vs Bottled Water

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- City water cannot have confirmed E. coli or fecal Coliform bacteria.

- City water is both filtered and disinfected.

- Any violation of our City drinking water standards is grounds for enforcement.

- City water department must have our water tested by certified labs.

- City tap water results must be reported to state or federal officials.

- City water system operators must be certified.

- City Water Department must issue consumer confidence reports annually.

- City water costs only pennies a day.

- City water contains essential nutrients for the body such as calcium and iron.

- Chlorine residual exists in City water to prevent bacteria growth.

Bottled Water is regulated by Food and Drug Administration and its own standards: International Bottled Water Association

- Industry regulations allow for a certain amount of any bacteria.

- Bottled water has no federal filtration or disinfection requirements.

- Bottled water in violation of standards can still be sold.

- Such certified lab testing is not required for bottlers.

- There are no reporting requirements for bottlers.

- Bottled water plant operators do not have to be certified.

- There are no public right-to-know requirements for bottlers.

- Bottled water costs \$.80 to \$4.00 per gallon.

- Natural minerals are removed by filtration from bottled water.

- No disinfectant present to kill bacteria in bottles.

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